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## Railroaded?

### Industry Living In The Shadow Of The Giant

by J. Mitchell

Never in recent history has a public works project generated as much controversy as the railroad consolidation project. Promoted by government and some business officials as the best way to solve the downtown area's auto-railroad traffic conflict, backers claim the project will also stimulate downtown development. Last week Kalamazoo News visited four business that live literally in the shadow of the proposed monolithic overpass structure. Because these businesses will, according to City plans, remain, the perspectives they offer should be of special interest to voters who may decide their fate.

#### THEY PUT US ON WHEELS

The last snow has barely melted, but already the Kalamazoo Cycle Shop is crowded with eager young shoppers. The thriving Harrison Street enterprise may carry bicycles, but what they really sell are dreams. The O'Byrne brothers, John and Earl, hold the distinction of putting over five generations of Kalamazoo citizens on their first set of wheels.

The business, which could be described as part museum, part junkyard, and part retail store, has achieved a virtual cult status, drawing buyers from as far away as Detroit. According to salesperson Karen Katsma, this year's business is off to a very good start as the peak bicycle season approaches.

Managing day to day operations is

the responsibility of brother Earl. While Earl sipped a tall can of Miller through a straw, I tripped over a pile of rusty bicycle sprockets on the floor as I entered his office.

"That's part of my spare parts inventory," O'Byrne commented as I dodged a pile of bicycle seats and handlebars.

According to Katsma, the inventory stretches over seven buildings and is partly responsible for the success of the business. Customers can buy a bicycle in confidence, knowing that in 30 years the Cycle Shop will still carry parts for it, albeit sometimes a rusty one.

Despite the durability of both the business and the man himself, O'Byrne appeared troubled about the future when discussing the consolidation. "Three years ago, two guys from the City came in and said our land would be bought and we would have to move in six months." But recently, O'Byrne said, the City reversed itself and said they would be able to stay, but some of their warehouses would have to be razed for trackage.

As O'Byrne spoke he stared at the bicycle wheels hanging overhead. In a way those wheels represent the consolidation plan and how it hangs over the O'Byrne business.

Though City officials have assured him his entire business would not be demolished, an examination of the City's architectural rendition indicates otherwise. Pictured at the location of the bicycle shop is a two-

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RAIL PROJECT: WHAT'S COOKING?



## The Art Of Being Ben

by Larry Carter

If success can be measured by how many lives a man touches, then Ben Tibbs is truly a successful man. An admitted "hellion" in his younger

days, Ben has played the guitar, produced award winning art, and published ten books of poems, prose and drawings. Now, at age 78, he is about to add the crowning touch to his host of achievements: the publishing of his autobiography, *All My Buttons*. Though Ben will say of his art, "I cannot imagine it being subservient to anything other than my innate whimsicality," I cannot imagine his life being subservient to anything but his most primal fears and unappeased ideals.

Benjamin Doyle Tibbs was born in Martinsville, Illinois, in 1907. He graduated from high school in 1924, but shunned college for the untamed horizon that only a latter-day pioneer would seek. In 1928 he married Myrna Stewart, was divorced by 1930, and remarried the same woman a year later. In an otherwise nomadic existence—from 1924 to 1937 he worked for eight different employers—she became his constant.

In 1932, while Ben was enjoying a particularly creative period in his artistic development, he encountered a crossroads that stands out as a turning point in his life. Faced with the choice of his family or the upper echelons of New York's photography community, he declined the bright

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Ben Tibbs

photo by Larry Carter

## Bound To Be Confusion

Even though the election has not been held yet, a WMU professor has offered to survey voters on the City's rail consolidation package.

"Regardless of the outcome of the April 23 election," said Robert Post, "there will no doubt be confusion as to the voters' intent." Post, an instructor of writing at WMU and a freelance writer who contributes regularly to the *News*, asked "What but confusion can be the result of the two conflicting 'informational' campaigns being waged by the two sides of the controversy?"

On April 23, Kalamazoo voters will decide whether the City should issue a \$7.5 million bond for rail consolidation and an overpass. If the bond is approved, property owners will be assessed for the project for the next 20 years. The project itself is priced at \$27 million, with the balance coming

from state and federal grants and private contributions.

"Good stewardship dictates that the voters be surveyed on this important issue which will affect Kalamazoo's future generations," said Post. "I would be willing to repeatedly survey voter attitudes on this project until it can be ascertained that ignorance and confusion no longer exist on this matter."

A survey conducted earlier this year by a WMU anthropology professor concluded that voters were "confused" and "ignorant" when they side-tracked the project last fall. Last November voters approved, 12,730 to 7,984, a City charter amendment that cancels bonds not sold within five years of voter approval. A retroactive clause rescinded a \$7 million bond approved in 1979 for rail consolidation.

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# OPINIONS

## Communist rulers partied while natives starved in Ethiopia

by Senator Harmon Cropsey

The United States has been ridiculed by the liberal media for not doing more for the starving people of Ethiopia. Our media bosses in New York and Washington decide what is news and what isn't. What I am going to tell you is what the media moguls consider non-news.

Ethiopia is now governed by one of the most unyielding communist dictatorships in all of Africa. Ethiopia has a massive presence of Cuban troops and East German advisors, and it is one of America's most poisonous foes at the United Nations. In 1982 Ethiopia voted with the US only 12.2 percent of the time, a record poorer than that of Libya, the Soviet Union, and all the Warsaw Pact regimes.

Last year was the tenth anniversary of the Communist takeover in Ethiopia. While his people were starving, Lt. Col. Mengistu spent \$200 million on an anniversary celebration. The festivities included \$500,000 for imported whiskey and a \$5 million statue of Lenin.

It is a firmly established Marxist-

Leninist doctrine that whatever advances communism is good, while whatever hinders it is evil. Such a basis for action makes treason, murder, lying, even mass starvation, perfectly normal aspects of a dedicated communist's duties. As Comrade Mengistu's hero Lenin put it: "We repudiate all morality taken apart from human society and classes. We say that it is a deception, a fraud... We say that our morality is entirely subordinated to the interests of the class struggle."

Since seizing power, the Marxist regime abandoned traditional agricultural practices, disrupting food production without providing a viable alternative. As summarized by the Heritage Foundation: "Traditionally, Ethiopian peasants have saved food in good years to prepare for bad harvests. The government outlawed this practice, branding it as 'hoarding.' Peasants traditionally invested money earned from surplus crops in their own farms to expand production. This was denounced as capitalist accumulation. Independent food traders traditionally bought food in food-surplus areas. This was outlawed

as exploitation, and government commission replaced the free market."

Syndicated columnist Jeffrey Hart is correct in asserting: "It is gradually beginning to seep into public consciousness that the starvation in Ethiopia is man-made... The destruction of Ethiopian agriculture was... not a natural calamity, but the result of ideologically dictated government policy..."

We sometimes make the mistake of assuming that Marxist regimes would prefer to produce adequate food for their peoples, but fail to do so as a result of stupidity, shortsightedness, rigid adherence to Red dogma, or whatever. The point to remember is simply that the ration book is the ultimate weapon of a dictator. As Dr. Fred Schwartz put it, "The power to starve is the power to govern."

Communist dictator Mengistu's government has been spending 46 percent of its GNP on weapons, most of them supplied by the Soviet Union. The northern part of Ethiopia has experienced the most starvation, and that is the area that has been resisting communism. Food convoys to Eritrea and Tigre Provinces have been

traveling at night because Mengistu's Soviet-supplied MIG fighters strafe and bomb them to keep food from reaching the rebellious areas of Ethiopia.

The United States government directly supplied Ethiopia with 41,488 metric tons of food valued at \$22.7 million during fiscal 1984. So far in the current fiscal year our government has obligated more than \$127 million in humanitarian assistance involving almost 223,000 metric tons of food, transportation costs, and medical supplies.

The communist regime has consistently accorded famine relief a low priority. According to the *New York Times*, even Soviet cargo ships transporting cement were given priority over American ships carrying food. When food supplies were at last unloaded, an import tax of \$12.60 per ton and a handling/trucking charge of \$165 per ton were imposed. Even then tons of food were left to rot while awaiting inland transportation.

Anyone who says the US isn't doing her part to alleviate the Ethiopian suffering is ill-informed.

## Beware of a vested interest disguised as a moral principle

by Ron Reisterer

In the near future we will be faced with 12 potential tax increases, starting with the controversial rail overpass/urban renewal project on Tuesday, April 23.

Predictably, the high priests of statism are bombarding us with a barrage of propaganda designed to make us believe that if we do not give in to their demands for higher taxes, then we are somehow uncaring, faithless, cold-hearted beings.

The big-spending politicians and their dupes like to claim that they hold a monopoly on care and concern for the common man. Yet, is theirs a genuine compassion? When one looks at the salaries and fringe benefits these adoring advocates of more government extract from the common man, one wonders! A sig-

nificant number of these self-chosen saviors of mankind employ the "caring concept" as a tool for self promotion and satisfaction. Just as some men and women erect concert halls and athletic field houses as modern pyramids to proclaim the importance of their being, so too do these individuals seek recognition, remembrance, and advancement by concocting government programs to alleviate every problem—real or imagined.

I suspect that the political notion of "caring" generally amounts to ideological and practical extortion. It reminds me of the warning, "Beware of a vested interest parading as a high moral principle."

Do not be fooled by the proponents of higher taxes who brandish such words as faith, caring, and compassion as justification for their con-

tinued invasion of our private lives and property. They care about power; they do not share their own wealth but that belonging to others.

They forget that a free society, which necessarily includes a free economy, is the source of our abundance. Freedom feeds. Tax slavery impoverishes. These people must be reminded that America is unique because it afforded its citizens the freedom to tend to their own interests. America became great because its people enjoyed the fruits of their own labor.

Do the proponents of more government really believe that immigrants flocked to America to work to put food on others' tables and roofs over others' heads and clothes on others' backs? That's just what American settlers were fleeing to escape.

Don't misunderstand. Caring for

one's fellow man is a necessary virtue. However, caring, like productive labor, is uniquely personal. Government compulsion and meddling will only diminish, not increase, its desired effects. Americans have always been a charitable people, and they resent being branded by the tax wranglers as uncaring, faithless, and cold-hearted, just because they wish to put an end to government's insatiable appetite for more. They know that the individual response to a problem is better than the institutional response. It is more personal, more meaningful, more efficient, and always more compassionate.

Have faith in the value of self-help, individual initiative, and personal responsibility: VOTE NO to government's demand for more. Your freedom depends on it.

## Make City Hall hear clearly the voice of Kalamazoo on April 23

by Lance Ferraro

The April 23 election may well be the most important election that the people of Kalamazoo will ever vote in. The future growth of the downtown area and the opening of the river front area to recreational and housing development may come to an end. The overpass that the City has always promoted would bisect the area and 14 acres of land would be lost to development. It could very well become a white elephant that we could never tear down and another tax burden on the taxpayers. "People

for Economic Progress" are telling us that if we don't vote yes the city will die. This kind of negative thinking and acting has made the city of Kalamazoo the second highest taxed city in the state—nearly 70 mills per home owner.

We need to build from the tax base we now have. During construction of the overpass, \$130,000 a year in city taxes will be lost from the existing buildings which will have to be destroyed. The City admits the overpass would take up to four years to complete. In that time the loss in taxes would be over one half million

dollars. This loss plus the \$7.5 million dollars to build the overpass will have to come from increased taxes.

Members of the City Administration and some members of the City Commission stated that after last November's election you, the voters, did not understand what you were voting for; that you did not realize that by voting yes on the charter amendment you were also voting no to the overpass. This April 23 you should vote NO—to higher taxes, and NO to the overpass, leaving no doubt in the minds of the Administration and Commission as to your

understanding of what your vote means.

The voice of the citizens of Kalamazoo who have invested so much in their homes and have so much faith in their community should be heard and listened to. I hope that you also feel that this vote on the bond issue should be such a devastating NO that the city administrators and commissioners will never again say that the voters are "ignorant" and "do not understand" what they are voting for when they go to the polls.



# OPINIONS

## If Kalamazoo can achieve common sense there is hope for America

by John M. Prange

"Kalamazoo, you ain't in a class by yourself; I seen you in a lot of places. If you are nuts America is nuts."

—Carl Sandburg (c. 1920)

If projects like the City's rail overpass/urban development propo-

### Editorial

sal do not make us question the sanity of Kalamazoo and America, we must then view with suspicion the motives of our leaders.

Crime and taxes have already built a formidable wall between many honest citizens and the American Dream of freedom. Reckless government spending has forced retirees out of their homes and made home ownership increasingly difficult for young people. Wasteful public officials are threatening to make beggars out of us all. Even once-proud farmers are now in line with their hands out. The country is a trillion dollars in debt. And yet, with a shamefully misdirected vigor, Kalamazoo's leaders are trying to coax us into helping them use \$27 million of the nation's resources to build yet another worthless testament to porkbarrel economics.

Overpass boosters, who call themselves People for Economic Progress (PEP), say the project will put "idle land to work downtown, expanding the tax base and reducing the tax burden on residential neighborhoods throughout Kalamazoo." They neglect to say that there are already over 2,000 vacant acres in Kalamazoo waiting to be occupied by industry,

and that the overpass will disrupt many businesses which are currently thriving downtown. In addition to threatening contented, productive businesses, the project will enable some property owners to unload on the government land which is hard to sell honestly. And Upjohn Company will acquire about 20 acres of land freed up by the project, as payback for a \$1 million "contribution." This type of profiteering makes a mockery of the eminent domain concept, which allows government to seize private land for the "public good." What's good for Upjohn and a few land owners will certainly not ease the tax burden of those being asked to underwrite the land grab.

PEP says the project will put "an end to long waits while trains pass through." So would enforcement of the local ordinance which says it's illegal for trains to tie up street crossings for more than five minutes. As it is, the City's consolidation plan will only eliminate one major crossing. And one of the chief beneficiaries of the plan, Conrail, has only committed \$520,000 (2% of the total estimated cost) to the project.

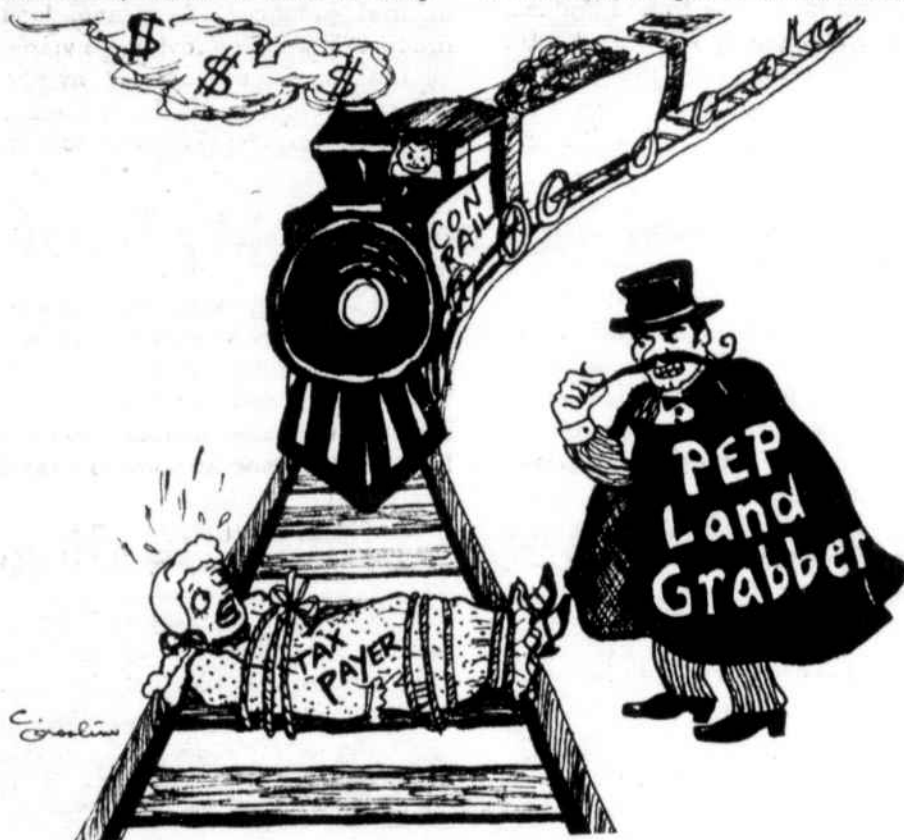
The argument most often repeated by overpass supporters is the "use it or lose it" one. If Kalamazoo voters fail on April 23 to pledge \$7.5 million to the project, then our community will lose millions of state and federal dollars which have been lifted from taxpayers outside the city limits—"When was the last time Lansing and Washington spent your tax dollars in Kalamazoo?" they ask. This is the point which makes us wonder: Is America suffering from schizophrenia or abuse of power?

We see prominent members of the business community—like John Galles and John Vanderploeg and Pete Statler—defend the free enterprise system with one hand, and with the other try to wrench money from honest, working class people who are trying with both hands to hold onto what they have earned. We see representatives like Howard Wolpe decry porkbarrel spending when it occurs elsewhere, but promote it for boondoggles in their own districts. This is the attitude of leaders throughout the country. The result of this collective hypocrisy is a land on the verge of bankruptcy and filled with useless monuments to vanity and greed. Only when we unite to keep

fewer dollars from going to Washington and Lansing in the first place, will the country get back on a track of honesty and freedom.

"Yes, Kalamazoo is a spot on the map," wrote Carl Sandburg over 60 years ago. "And the passenger trains stop there and the factory smokestacks smoke, and the grocery stores are open Saturday nights, and the streets are free for citizens who vote."

On April 23, Kalamazoo citizens have an opportunity to vote, not only for their own economic freedom, but also against a system which encourages begging and discourages individual effort. If Kalamazoo can achieve honesty and common sense, then there is hope for all America.



## Government intervention an impediment to economic progress

To the editor,

When a person mentions Marxist philosophy at a public meeting, heads sway in disagreement. It only proves that they little understand the subtlety of Marxism. It has been a slow but sure progress, but today it is progressing much faster than it did 100 years ago. It has broken down the free market to such a degree that we see a nation at the peak of its greatest power, unwilling to live within its

income. It's tax upon tax, upon tax. No one spends someone else's money as carefully as he spends his own.

People for Economic Progress (PEP) lose sight of the fact that, if we are to regain economic progress, we must first rid ourselves of government intervention. Using federal funds to advance self-interest or interests of others is defeating the free market system and is anti-American.

Government controlled economy

will in time wipe out all freedoms. Do not forget it's the people who are thus controlled—not the economy. Control of money spells control of the people. Look about you in awareness. Why are so many smart people slow to learn the deceitfulness of Marxism? The Marxists are and will remain unless Christian Americans wake up.

With our economy already staggering under brutal taxation and

regulatory mismanagement, it's time to re-evaluate.

PEP might well become known as "Plundering Economic Progress" through federal aid, government grants, and subsidies.

As Ed Wynn once said, "What America needs is a good 5-cent nickel."

Janus Vaar

301 John St. Court

## ...by the few for the few

To the editor,

Recently, we have seen something that seems to resemble government by the few, for the few, in City Hall. On April 23 we will have an opportunity to indicate our displeasure with that situation.

I, for one, do not intend to be influenced by the display of wealth in the form of billboard advertising or the din of wealth in the form of radio advertising for the overpass.

Taxpayers might want to consider that lurking just around the corner is the possibility of a city-wide income

tax, a housing authority tax, and a tax to bail out our mass transit system. All these possibilities should be of grave concern for those taxpayers who want or need to "keep their heads above water."

Mayor Hamilton has maintained that the overpass conception of rail consolidation is "not feasible." I respect Mayor Hamilton's opinion and shall vote "No" April 23 on the rail consolidation bond issue.

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# OPINIONS

## A look at the impact of war against Hitler forty years later

by Stephen M. Senesi

A friend recently offered to me, "You'd be living in a much different world if I hadn't fought in World War II." It was a quality endorsement of the war against Hitler. The categorical tone of voice was intended to still any objection. Who would be so bold as to question this historically enacted event, especially in the midst of enjoying the protected freedoms?!

The above statement is amplified by the general revulsion in which Hitler is held. His name and the swastika are synonymous with evil and evoke a hatred, anger, and dread associated with the archetypical image of the snake. It binds in camaraderie the myriad of people for whom this "people's war" was a triumph of the forces of good over evil. The memory of hardships en-

dured and of lives and careers sacrificed take consolation in the moral rightness of the war decision 45 years ago.

For sometime I have suspected such outright condemnation as too easy. It identifies all evil as outside ourselves and all the virtue as inside. It has the quality of a crusade and hides our own dark inclinations. To mark Hitler as total evil glosses over the tendencies within ourselves to act in ways that would be abhorrent.

It is well to remember that Hitler did not invent anti-Semitism nor the German people's anger at being defeated in World War I and their desire to return to Germany's original boundaries. He rode on a spirit felt by many Germans. His contribution to the scene was the use of hyperbole in focusing these feelings to a logical, albeit inhuman, extension.

Historian Howard Zinn has concluded that it was the spirit of Hitler, a spirit of racism, violence and nationalism, that was the final winner of World War II. For my friend this was a very hard statement to stomach.

The creation of over 50,000 nuclear bombs, the willingness to use them and the promotion of hatred within each superpower for the other illustrates how alive this spirit of Hitler is. High unemployment rates, unequal distribution of income within first world countries and within the world, the exploitation of natural resources and cash crops from third world countries further illustrate this spirit of violence and nationalism.

It is thought that the use of violence justified in the name of goodness hews out another stone in our moral foundation. NOT SO. Violence perpetuates itself. The killing of innocent

and guilty people is not without its toll on the human heart and mind. The greatest residual effect of World War II on popular thought is the easy acceptance of war as the only method to fight evils such as Hitler or communism. To speak of defense is automatically to speak of violent defense. How rare it is to think of a non-violent defense! And how rarer yet to realize that the means used for defense are the same ones used to perpetuate the evil.

The incarnation of this dark spirit challenges the implicit assumption that a violent defense against evil results in a better world. World War II did not deliver what it promised. Could other than violent means have stopped Hitler and brought us closer together as a human family?

Next week: *Gandhi on Hitler and non-violent defense.*

## Local public policy devoid of values that made our city great

To the editor,

Not too long ago, the name "Kalamazoo" stood for honest, common-sense solutions to problems... and genuine concern for the values of mutual respect, personal freedom and economic opportunity. Many people settled in Kalamazoo because these values predominated here.

In recent times, local governmental policy has become devoid of these values and concerns. As Kalamazoo area governmental units have interfered in more and more areas of our community, economic and personal lives, the opportunities for private initiative and peaceful association have been significantly reduced.

Examples of this trend are easy to identify. As high and often discrimi-

natory property taxes reduce our incentives, local investment and productivity decline relative to other areas. Public services, from roads to schools to law enforcement, demand larger and larger tax subsidies while their quality continually declines.

The consequences of this mismanagement are also easy to see: high unemployment and crime rates, declining property values, schools that don't teach and communities divided by political decision-making. Every year the citizens of the Kalamazoo area spend more tax dollars seeking government solutions to these problems; every year we find ourselves with more government but no better solutions.

Pouring more money into the

wineskins of old public policies will not produce better public services or greater economic growth. What is needed in Kalamazoo is a new commitment to private initiative and a reconsideration of the way public services are financed and produced.

We do not need more government consolidation. The bigger government gets, the less effective it becomes. As citizens we must begin to demand the common sense solutions that have not come from our local governmental units nor the major media. It is time to reassert the values and integrity that once made Kalamazoo a model of governmental effectiveness.

Remember, where private firms replace government agencies, the

lower cost and increased quality of services are clearly evident. But equally important are the new economic opportunities that privatization creates.

Letting the free market work means more than better quality services at lower costs; it means allowing individuals to choose new occupations, consumers to select the producer of their choice, and businesses to explore new markets and methods. It means increased economic freedom... and the return to values that first made prosperity possible. Kalamazoo, together let's accomplish this vital task!

Sincerely,  
Scott D. Morehouse  
2207 Lakeway

## Raising taxes for boondoggle will not encourage new business

To the editor,

On Tuesday, April 23, the residents of the City of Kalamazoo are being asked to raise their taxes for a rail overpass. I hope that the results will be overwhelmingly NO!!

Apparently the group (PEP) who is promoting approval of this issue thinks that if they throw enough big money into ads, billboards and cam-

paign gimmickry they will convince enough of us to support it. They say the rail overpass will bring industry back into the city. I strongly question whether businesses who left because of the high tax burden will return to even higher taxes. Also, raising the rate of tax will not encourage new businesses to enter.

When Mayor Hamilton, who was

elected by the largest margin in Kalamazoo's history, cannot support the rail overpass, I trust his good judgment. I would like to remind the City Commission and the City Manager that there is no free money from Lansing or Washington. It is all tax money coming from taxpayers.

The voters in Kalamazoo are generally intelligent and informed

(contrary to the conclusion of an anthropological survey conducted for the City Commission). We recognize the rail overpass package for what it is... an extravagant \$27 million boondoggle.

Sincerely,  
Terry W. Lander  
1023 Egleston

## Children should have frequent contact with both parents

To the editor,

Fathers For Equal Rights speaks out for the rights of a child assuring that each minor child shall have frequent and continuing contact with both parents after the parents have separated or dissolved their marriage. The father of the child should be given the same consideration as the mother in determining custody, regardless of the age of the child. Parents are urged to share rights and responsibilities of child-rearing.

When the child's fundamental God-given rights are denied by misconstruance of the law, the courts, or

the agencies involved, they are denying not only common law rights of children, but the ability to pass on a heritage of moral health and happiness to our nation's homes of the future. When the homes of America crumble and succumb to the legal and judicial system, the moral, philosophical, religious, and cultural values which founded our country also crumble.

Without protestation of the denial of fundamental rights, the laws of this land regarding children turn into a babysitting society with a future for stereotyped robots. Children who

grow up in homes with contacts with both parents grow into an understanding of the very differences or common interests which help make America great with understanding and tolerance for one another as a society. Those growing up in one-sided homes have an environment which will continue to perpetuate the selfishness which only endorses more destruction of life's values.

If divorce has to be, why make the children suffer for the mistakes of our adult society? Shared parental responsibility with both parents retaining full parental rights and respon-

sibilities with respect to their child requires both parents conferring on major decisions, affecting the welfare of that child jointly. Such responsibility should be undertaken for the best interests of children.

When only one natural parent is involved, that parent should have full rights to the child! This has not been done in the laws of our great United States.

Let us all rise up to fight the divorce rate crucifying our nation! Let us work for the right of the child to know both parents in the event

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## Choose Life

### Alcohol damages every cell it touches

by Mary Sowers

Many drink poison daily by consuming alcohol. One of the oldest drugs known to man, "alcohol injures every cell it touches," writes a preventive medicine doctor.

Another expert says that surely alcohol would be banned like LSD if its use were not so pervasive and long-cherished by man. Even the Pilgrims brought beer over on the *Mayflower* in the 1600s, but back then drunkenness was considered an unseemly crime which brought out the worst in man by causing swearing, violence, adultery and interruption of work.

Today over 50 percent of car accidents, child abuse, domestic violence and murders in America are attributed to alcohol misuse. Alcohol is dangerous like rifles and fast cars, says one psychiatrist.

The purpose of the drug alcohol is to produce "a sense of euphoria accompanied by hedonistic attitudes, loss of worry and tension," says a book about drinking. Stress causes many modern drinkers to indulge, while addiction keeps others in total bondage to the drug.

Ten thousand brain cells are lost each time one becomes intoxicated. Memory is decreased, and thus learning and relationships affected, because alcohol interferes with dreaming, the time when material is stored in the memory.

As a child, I first learned about the effects of alcohol when a drunken family friend became very affectionate, inviting me to her house for lunch the next day. I waited excitedly for her call for hours, eventually learning that the strange-smelling brew the adults were drinking the night before must have caused her to forget about me.

At age 16, peer pressure caused me to try the wicked-tasting stuff and I was glad to be participating in this adult activity even though it made me sick.

Jerry Sowles, alcoholic for 30 years and sober for two, tells me that merely by drinking in front of someone you can have a destructive influence. Given as a friendly gesture to young Sowles, a mere bottle of beer got him started on a lifelong addiction at age 17.

While some can't drink at all because of this addiction which ruins

their lives (Sowles lost his family, business and property), others, like I once did, gaily drink "socially" without fear.

Few know that, besides damage to the brain, liver and unborn child, alcohol damages heart and skeletal muscles. Tests show that heart muscle injury is caused by one ounce of 90-proof whiskey.

Writes pathologist and preventive medicine lecturer Dr. Agatha Thrash: "Using alcohol causes an increase in all kinds of diseases of the digestive tract... There is a great increase in liver malfunction, even if one drinks 'only socially.'" Thrash says that when cutting open the skull of a deceased chronic drinker, the pathologist has to step back to avoid being splashed by the accumulated fluid that has replaced normal brain matter.

People drink to have a good time, to find relief in forgetting their cares, to "be social" and part of the crowd. They don't think of it as drinking poison.

Next week we'll talk with problem drinkers.

## Sports

### Coach still remembered twenty years later

by V. Thomas Lindsay

He was a man who influenced and a man who elicited great emotions. To some he was simply a coach and teacher, but to many of us he was a very good friend.

Almost 20 years later I still think about him and the profound influence he had on my life. In high school, he was my homeroom teacher, my gym instructor, my swimming coach, and my golf coach. He wanted to be my football coach, but I never gave him that satisfaction. He almost drowned me in the swimming pool—I wasn't about to let him kill me on the football field.

It was as golf coach that I most remember Dobbie Drake, Sr. He didn't know a golf club from a tennis racquet, but he poured everything he could into the job, reading books and asking questions. He asked questions, mostly, of the kids he was coaching. We knew how to play and he didn't, and he was not too proud to acknowledge his ignorance of the game. He turned a mediocre team into a good team, simply by his coaching ability. He never could figure out what we were doing wrong, swingwise, and he

never could teach us the game, but, brother, let me tell you—he could coach!

He could also be a good friend, someone you could call on any time. I remember taking over the coaching job for Parkwood Elementary when they had a football program that wasn't supposed to be. What I knew about football you could have put in a thimble, but Dobbie gave me playbooks, jerseys, and what equipment he could spare. He showed us films, and even taught me how to designate plays by hole number.

I had some very good players on those teams, guys like Bill Shiner, Flipper Decker, Chris Banner, Teddy Thomas, Don "Butch" Delong, and a little tenacious fourth-grader, about as tall as a blade of grass, named Dobbie Drake, Jr. I remember Jr. mostly for two things—damn near breaking my leg in a scrimmage, and for coming off the field in a game against St. Augustine's seventh grade, bleeding from the nose and mouth, and crying and begging to go back in the game, both at the same time.

When the Kalamazoo School Board got wind of our "illegal" football team

(not sanctioned at that time), Dobbie went to bat for us, appearing before the Board on our behalf. Even though we lost our appeal, he was magnificent in the battle.

During my senior year, our golf team at K-Central got Dobbie a brand new set of golf clubs as a going-away present from the seniors. He would have been happy with a simple thank you, but the gift was a small token of the esteem we held for him as a man, and not just a coach.

Dobbie passed away in 1967, and, ironically, I was on the golf course when I got the news. I don't think I had ever experienced that much shock in my life. Next to my own father, he probably had more influence on me than anyone else ever had. Thousands of people turned out for his funeral, most of whom were former students and athletes, but all of whom were friends.

I hope that everyone out there reading this has had one Dobbie Drake in his life. I wouldn't have missed the experience for two strokes a side.

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## Kalamazoo Trivia

### Firewater posed problems for early keepers of law and order

1. Notorious con artist "Yellow Kid" Weil once swindled local businessman

- a. William Shakespeare
- b. Fred Doubleday
- c. Samuel Rosenbaum
- d. Jacob Kindleberger

2. Which local man challenged William F. Cody for the title of Buffalo Bill—and lost?

- a. William Avery Comstock
- b. Bill Bailey
- c. William E. Upjohn
- d. Will B. Westnedge

3. A US presidential assassin, Charles Guiteau, spoke at Kalamazoo's First Baptist Church on the topic

- a. Second Coming of Christ
- b. Violence as a Political Expedient
- c. The Way of Anarchy
- d. Old Testament Prophecy

4. Kalamazoo was granted a charter by the state government to incorporate as a city on

- a. July 4, 1900
- b. May 23, 1883

- c. September 3, 1886
- d. July 4, 1936

5. The law enforcers department was first titled Kalamazoo Department of Police in

- a. 1840
- b. 1875
- c. 1893
- d. 1905

(Taken from the book *Kalama—Who?* copyrighted 1982 by Susan Woolley Stoddard and John Eastman. See page 15 for answers.)

#### EARLY LAW AND ORDER

In the early days of Kalamazoo, the law and order problem involved the Ottawa and Potawatomi Indians. A nuisance sprang from the Indians' fondness for alcoholic drink and their inability to handle it. The Indians would gather by the thousands in and around Kalamazoo to sell their furs, venison, and maple syrup for trinkets, guns, and "fire water." Orgies would

go on through the night in the valley.

The first Kalamazoo jail was built in 1835. It was a one-story, two-room building located in the area of Academy and S. Rose Streets. Early law enforcement dealt with street brawls, assaults, and an occasional armed robbery. Like in the western states, law enforcers were called Marshals and Associate Marshals. The first recorded murder in the area was on November 15, 1837. William Giddings was killed by James Ayres over a dog fight in Richland. He hurled a rock and hit Giddings in the head. Ayres, after a trial and short period of incarceration, was allowed to return to his family.

On May 23, 1883, Kalamazoo was granted a charter by the state government to incorporate as a city instead of a village. Along with this change came an organized police force of two day police and four night police. The City budget could not quite handle the expenses so the force was soon cut to four men. They

had to wear uniforms and insignias and be on duty regularly or be fined \$10.00. The men had to walk their beat alone, not with a citizen. The police were charged with collecting taxes and repairing wooden sidewalks in addition to keeping the peace. They also had to impound any animals running loose in the streets.

In 1889 came an improvement in police work: the paddy wagon. The first one was shiny black and drawn by one horse. The cost was \$316.50. The east end of Main Street had most of Kalamazoo's 48 saloons at the time, so there were plenty of brawls and the wagon was in use each night.

Some unusual offenses a citizen could get arrested for in the early days were interfering with telegraph wires, promoting any kind of fight—cock, dog, dog and rat—or killing any kind of song bird. In 1893, the title of Marshall was discarded and the force was named the Kalamazoo Department of Police.

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## Madcat will blend Chicago blues with jazz and folk at Chaps

Growing up in the Chicago area, Peter 'Madcat' Ruth used to listen to his father's Folkways album, *Sonny Terry—Harmonica and Vocal Solos*. Some years later, while taking guitar lessons at the Old Town School of Folk Music, he heard an album by Sonny Terry and Brownie McGhee. This time Sonny's playing inspired Madcat to pick up his father's harmonica and play along. He's been playing ever since.

This Saturday, April 20, Madcat will perform at Chaps On Main, 105 E. Mich., beginning at 9:30 pm.

Madcat has gained an excellent reputation in midwest jazz circles in recent years. In the '70s he spent several years on the road playing jazz and fusion rock with Chris and Darius Brubeck and their famous father Dave. One night Madcat played at New York City's Bottom Line with Sky King early in the evening, dashed uptown in a taxi with Chris between sets to play with Dave at the Newport Jazz Festival (held that year in Carnegie Hall), and made it back downtown in time to do Sky King's second set at the Bottom Line.

"Madcat has got to be one of the greatest jazz soloists in terms of getting an audience," said Dave Brubeck.

He often plays guitar and harmonica at the same time. Madcat's repertoire includes a variety of original and familiar songs that blend Chicago blues with jazz and folk influences.



Peter Madcat Ruth

## Mini Movie Reviews

### RATING KEY



Great



Good



Fair



Boring



Poor  
(Walked out)

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### THE CARE BEARS MOVIE

A sweet-natured animated cartoon feature made in the Walt Disney style for children ages 3 to 6. The cuddly bears of the title have names such as Tenderheart, Cheer and Love-a-Lot. They rescue a boy magician who comes under the spell of an evil spirit that wants everyone to stop caring. Mickey Rooney handles the narration with loving care. (G)

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### THE LAST DRAGON

Taimak stars as a young karate devotee who strives to preserve his honor when challenged by a sadist. He also must protect a gorgeous video star (Vanity) from exploitation by a sinister producer. The martial arts action is interspersed with lots of song-and-dance video productions which give the film a somewhat jumbled appearance. While events unfold at a fast clip, the story often is absurd and mean spirited. Leo O'Brien, as the main character's brother, steals a few scenes. (PG-13)

Eastowne

### PORKY'S REVENGE

This third installment in the adventures of the rowdy male students at Angel Beach High offers merely more adolescent humor which has become tired and predictable by now. The same characters are involved in smart alec jokes while the adults come off as buffoons. Porky, the crusty bar owner of the initial outing, now does business on a steamboat where a new confrontation with the kids takes place. Dan Monahan, Wyatt Knight and Tony Ganjos star. (R)

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### MASK

Uplifting, touching account of a disfigured teenage boy (Eric Stoltz) whose positive attitude overcomes his affliction. The boy's courageous outlook is enhanced by the warm, special relationship with his kooky but devoted mother played effectively by Cher. Director Peter Bogdanovich occasionally overindulges in the emotional aspects of this junior version of "The Elephant Man." But the core of the film is compelling and genuinely moving. Based on a true story. (PG-13)

Maple Hill

### DESPERATELY SEEKING SUSAN

Rosanna Arquette plays a bored Yuppie housewife who exchanges identities with a free-wheeling New Wave girl (Madonna). This overburdened romp has elements of a Preston Sturges screwball comedy set in the funky world of lower Manhattan. Yet, what is supposed to pass as farce, becomes sidetracked with excessive complications. The story eventually loses momentum. A few smiles and a chuckle or two can be expected, but no satisfying comedy. (PG-13)

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# CALENDAR

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## fri 19

### CONCERTS

The McLain Family Band will perform in K-College's Dalton Theatre, 8 pm. Call 383-8609 for ticket information.

The Buzztones will play rhythm and soul music at Club Soda, 340 E. Mich., 9:30 pm.

Mad Cat Ruth will perform electric folk and blues at Chaps On Main, 105 E. Mich., 9:30 pm.

### FILM

"Children of Paradise" will be shown in K-College's Recital Hall, 7 pm. \$2.

### MEETING

The Kalamazoo Valley Sierra Club will meet in the Bethlehem Baptist Church (basement), 2031 E. Cork St., 7:30 pm. Public invited.

### RADIO

Marian McPartland's Piano Jazz (WMUK, 7 pm). One of the most popular stylists in contemporary jazz, Ahmad Jamal, is tonight's guest.

The Jazz Scene (WMUK, 9 pm). Garrard Macleod and Dave Hager host two hours of the best of jazz. The 10 o'clock segment features great jazz string players.

American Jazz Radio Festival (WMUK, 11 pm). Headlining tonight's program is Richard Boukas, who displays his talents on both acoustic and electric guitars and also sings.

### SEMINAR

Saul Goodman will lead a seminar on "Macrobiotics Diet and Health" in room 205 of the WMU Student Union, 7 pm. Call 342-5686 to register.

### THEATRE

The Ninth Street Players present the musical revue "Side by Side by Sondheim" in KVCC Auditorium, 6767 West O Ave., 8 pm. Call 372-5233 for ticket information.

The New Vic Theatre, 134 E. Vine, presents "The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby," Part I, 8 pm. Call 381-3328 for ticket information.

The Kalamazoo Civic Players present "The Diviners" in the Civic Auditorium, 329 S. Park, 8 pm. Call 343-1313 for ticket information.

## sat 20

### CLASS

The Red Cross is offering a "Nurse Disaster Training" class, 9 am to 4 pm. Call 382-6382 to register.

### CONCERTS

The WMU School of Music presents a program of new music, with students under the guidance of Ramon Zupko, in the Dalton Center Multi Media Room, 8 pm. Free.

Mad Cat Ruth plays electric folk and blues at Chaps On Main, 105 E. Mich., 9:30 pm.

The Buzztones play rhythm and soul at Club Soda, 340 E. Mich., 9:30 pm.

### FILM

"Children of Paradise" will be shown in K-College's Dalton Theatre, 7 pm.

### MUSEUM

"The Sights and Sounds of Jupiter and Saturn" will be the program in the Museum planetarium, 315 S. Rose, 2 pm. "April Showers" will be the 3 pm program. Free.

### RECITALS

A student voice recital, featuring mezzo-soprano Laurie Campbell and soprano Sarah Paola, will be presented in WMU's Dalton Center Lecture Hall, 7 pm. Free.

A student piano recital featuring Brett E. Rosenberg will be held in WMU's Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 pm. Free.

### SEMINARS

A macrobiotic seminar with Saul Goodman, sponsored by People's Food Co-op, will offer do-it-yourself massage exercises in room 205 of WMU's Student Union, 10 am to 1 pm. From 3 to 6:30 pm a seminar on "Visual Diagnosis, Yin/Yang Principles" will be featured. Call 342-5686 to register.

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## sun 21

### CONCERTS

An Art Center/Symphony concert will feature cellist Mary Butler, with Jill Christian on piano, in the Art Center Auditorium, 314 S. Park St., 2 pm. Free.

Rene Meave will play original music at Chaps On Main, 105 E. Mich., 8:30 pm.

Tonight is Dazzles Disco Night at Club Soda, 340 E. Mich., 9:30 pm.

### NATURE CENTER

"The Horse Are Coming! Plow Day" is the title of a program at the DeLano Homestead, 1 to 5 pm. Dedication of the Dalton Tool Barn will be at 3 pm. Call 381-1574 for more information.

### RADIO

St. Paul Sunday Morning (WMUK, 8:30 am). Film and the BBs provide the entertainment this morning.

Grassroots (WMUK, 10 am). Dick Atwell and Mark Sahlgren host two hours of bluegrass, folk and old-time country music.

Chicago Symphony Orchestra (WMUK, 1 pm). Leonard Slatkin conducts Beethoven's King Stephen Overture, Hindemith's Violin Concerto, and the Symphony No. 6 in E-Flat Minor by Prokofiev.

Library of Congress Chamber Music (WMUK, 3 pm). The Juilliard String Quartet, with the addition of Gilbert Kalish on the piano, performs works by Haydn, Fine, and Dvorak.

Playhouse: Bradbury 13 (WMUK, 8 pm). In tonight's story, a child's electronic playroom becomes a terrifying reality.

Carnegie Hall Tonight (WMUK, 9 pm). The Gewandhaus Orchestra of Leipzig performs Beethoven's Symphony No. 6 in F Major.

Cleveland Orchestra (WMUK, 10 pm). Christoph von Dohnanyi conducts Haydn's Symphony No. 64 in A, the Violin Concerto in D by Sibelius, and Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 in C.

### THEATRE

The Ninth Street Players present "Side by Side by Sondheim" in the KVCC Auditorium, 3 pm. Call 372-5233 for ticket information.

## mon 22

### CONCERTS

Tonight is Open Mic Night at Chaps On Main, 105 E. Mich., 8:30 pm.

The Slang will play rock and roll at Club Soda, 340 E. Mich., 9:30 pm.

### DANCE AND EXERCISE BENEFIT

The Borgess Fitness Center is sponsoring a 4-hour dance and exercise event, 5 to 9 pm, with proceeds going to the American Heart Association of Michigan. Call 388-8942 for more information.

### MEETINGS

A public meeting for arthritis sufferers will feature Dr. Thomas Valentine speaking on "The Juvenile Arthritis Patient—Diagnosis and Treatment" in conference room one, Borgess Auditorium, 7 pm.

The Kalamazoo City Commission will make decisions and entertain citizen comments at its weekly meeting in City Hall, 7 pm. Also shown live on Public Access TV.

### RADIO

The Bookshelf (WMUK, 8 am). Garrard Macleod continues reading Stanley Elllin's new mystery novel, *Very Old Money*.

Philadelphia Orchestra (WMUK, 10 pm). Charles Dutoit conducts *Metaboies* by Dutilleux, the *Violoncello Concerto in A Minor* by Schumann, and the *Symphony No. 5 in B-Flat* by Prokofiev.

## tue 23

### COMEDY

Comedian Tony Hayes will perform at Chaps On Main, 105 E. Mich., 9:30 pm.

### CONCERTS

The Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, featuring pianist Rudolph Firkusny, will perform at Miller Auditorium, 8 pm. Call 383-0933 for ticket information. Student rush tickets go on sale for \$1 after 6 pm.

The Slang will play rock and roll at Club Soda, 340 E. Mich., 9:30 pm.

### CRAFTS AND BINGO

Crafts will be featured in a program at Washington Square Co-op Apartments, 710 Collins St., 1 pm. Bingo at 6:30 pm. Call 344-1681 for more information.

### LUNCHEON

An "Overture" pre-concert luncheon, with speaker Dr. Elise Jorgens, will be held in the Green Room of the Civic Auditorium, 329 S. Park St., noon. Call 349-7759 for reservations by noon Friday, April 19.

### RADIO

University Recitals (WMUK, 10 pm). The Western Michigan University Symphonic Band, directed by Richard Suddendorf and Claude T. Smith, will present tonight's concert.

### WORKSHOP

The YWCA Domestic Assault program presents Linda Kravets with the film "Appearances," followed by discussion on domestic violence, 1 to 2:30 pm, at the YWCA, 211 S. Rose St. Free.

## wed 24

### AWARD DINNER

Glenna S. McWhirter, journalist with the *Detroit Free Press*, will be the speaker at the 1st annual "Women of Achievement Award" program, sponsored by the YWCA, 6 to 7 pm, at the Kalamazoo Center. Call 343-1223 for more information.

### CLASS

A "Basic Facts" class for people with arthritis begins today in the Borgess Lab Room, 7 pm. \$5. Call 349-2770 for more information.

### CONCERTS

Fast Tracks will play jazz/funk music at Club Soda, 340 E. Mich., 9:30 pm.

David Barrett plays original music at Chaps On Main, 105 E. Mich., 9:30 pm.

### NIGHT REFLECTIONS

The Library's *Night Reflections* program presents Maris Soule, romance novelist, discussing the trials and tribulations of life as a fledgling novelist, in Van Deusen Auditorium, 315 S. Rose St., 7 pm. Free.

### RADIO

St. Louis Symphony Orchestra (WMUK, 10 pm). Leonard Slatkin conducts Beethoven's *Consecration of the House Overture*, the *Piano Concerto No. 2 in A Major* by Franz Liszt, and *An Alpine Symphony* by Richard Strauss.

## thur 25

### CONCERTS

Pete Seeger will perform a benefit concert for the Kalamazoo Peace Education Fund, 8 pm, in the State Theatre. \$12. Call 344-9670 for ticket information.

"Women of the Calabash," black American women performing traditional African and Caribbean songs with traditional instruments, will be featured in the lobby of the K-College Light Fine Arts Building, 8 pm.

First Light will play reggae music at Club Soda, 340 E. Mich., 9:30 pm.

David Barrett plays original music at Chaps On Main, 105 E. Mich., 9:30 pm.

### MEETINGS

Fathers For Equal Rights will meet at 7 pm in the People's Church, 1758 N. 10th St. Call 375-8012 or 344-0881 for more details.

The staff and volunteers of Gryphon Place invite interested people to a discussion of the volunteer role in Help-line, 7 pm, 1104 S. Westledge. Refreshments served.

### MUSEUM

"April Showers" will be the program in the Museum's Hans Baldauf Planetarium, 315 S. Rose, 7 pm. Free.

### RADIO

International Festivals (WMUK, 10 pm). A concert of music by Louis Spohr is performed by members of the Consortium Classicum for Southwest German Radio in Baden Baden.

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## Profiles Of Kalamazoo

### Acclaimed artist Ben Tibbs has mastered the art of living

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lights for Myrna and his three sons.

"It was then that I discovered what 'love' really was," Ben confides. He remained with Myrna from that day until her death in 1962. And to this day, of a life filled with quixotic adventures, Ben will admit but one regret, "That I didn't tell Myrna often enough how much I loved her."

Ben and his family moved to Kalamazoo in 1937. He held a position with Mastercraft Corporation until 1952. During that time Ben continued to pursue the arts in one

form or another. He had to scrap a musical career when he could no longer sing or play the guitar because of a disabling car accident. So he turned to photography and encountered a variety of successes, including a stint when he won "Photo of the Month Award" on five consecutive occasions. But the challenge waned, and he turned to painting in 1945.

Again, Ben achieved acclaim, including an award won for his oil painting, "Time of Miracles" in the 1948 Michigan Artists exhibition. Still he wasn't satisfied. Somewhere within

him something was going undone. In 1952 he seized a pen, wrote a discouraging piece of literature, and decided to become a writer, anyway.

"I could always draw, and was musically inclined," Ben says. "But writing was different. There was so much there that asked to be challenged." And there, in the comfort of his modest apartment—the walls adorned with art from decades of being Ben—he searched for the essence of writing that made it such a part of him.

And while talking to Ben, one gets a sense of the writer as an explorer, delving into the darkest crevices of life where emotions lie—waiting for that peek, that poke that arouses them into an otherwise unintelligible tongue. There, a curious suffering awaits the writer, a straining of the mind and heart as he seeks to fuse the dichotomous angles of these two forces into one intelligible sentence. Often a journey of delight, it can just as often be a tortuous form of self-expression.

"Writing is something I do," Ben declares. "I don't write out of reason, I just write because I like to write. You get to a point where writing is the reward."

It was 14 years before Ben published his first book, *A Birdness Flown*. "That's when I felt I had the

wild dog by the behind!" Subsequent books followed: of short verse, of haiku, of cartoons, of abstract thought.


When talking to Ben, you might hear about the guy who had the courage it took to eat that first tomato. Or the woolly-haired caveman "who stuck his meat in the fire in an awkward attempt to make it better." Pioneers. That's what they were. And true to the code, Ben has thought the unthought-of, and reveled in its mystery.

"There is no equation that expresses the whole hole," Ben says of the soul. And that makes him glad—a true champion of life being delightfully pleased by what has eluded us.

His eyes light up when the subject is writing. "I like to play with words. Words are objects outside of their meaning."

And like a child in his playpen, Ben sits amid a plethora of words tossing them about, fondling their various forms, ingeniously pushing them to the brink of their usage; smiling, and reconstructing the world in his image.

Indeed, if not a genius of the brush-stroke or a master of the pen, the combined sum of Ben's parts easily makes him a paragon to the art of living, having succeeded, as few men have, in the art of being himself.



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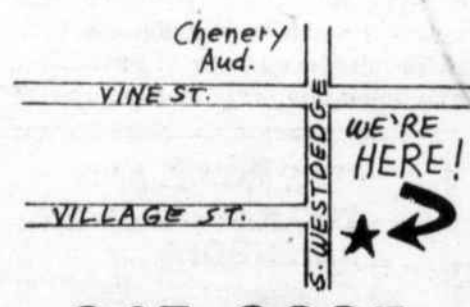
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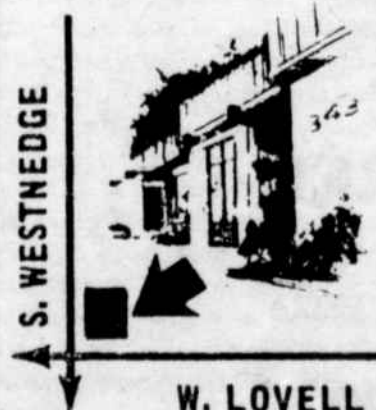
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## City Hall

### Prof offers to survey voters until no more confusion exists

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tion.

The City's proposed rail consolidation/overpass project includes consolidation of three sets of rail tracks, an overpass to carry cars on E. Michigan and Kalamazoo Avenues over the tracks, a new Kalamazoo River bridge on E. Mich. Ave., and an industrial park on land freed up by the overpass. A model of the project is currently on display in the Kalamazoo Center.

The amendment was placed on the ballot through the efforts of Citizens for Responsible Rail Consolidation and Urban Development (CRRUCUD), a group opposed to the overpass part of the project. CRRUCUD has charged that the overpass would be a "wall of doom" preventing downtown development.

Following the November election, Dr. William Garland of WMU offered to survey public opinion on rail consolidation. He was introduced by Commissioner Patricia Cayemberg, who holds an administrative position

at Western and maintains an office down the hall from Garland. Partly because Cayemberg has always been a staunch supporter of the overpass plan, critics predicted that Garland's survey would favor the City's project.

Garland presented his conclusion that voters were confused and ignorant two weeks before any hard data was available. Nonetheless, commissioners, with Mayor Hamilton opposed, scheduled the April 23 election to give voters a chance to wise up.

The City paid Garland \$815 to conduct his survey of 215 voters. Post said he would interview twice the number of voters surveyed by Garland, at half the cost.

"I believe I could conduct a survey as impartially as Dr. Garland's," said Post. He told the *News* that one of the things he wants to find out is what type of businesses would be moving into the industrial park created by the project.

People for Economic Progress (PEP), a citizens' group supporting

the project, claims that the 20-plus acres of land freed up by the overpass will attract new businesses to Kalamazoo. So far no businesses have committed to locating in the area, while about 30 businesses already there would have to relocate if the

project proceeds.

"One thing I'd like to know is what businesses people think would develop this area after the overpass is completed," said Post.

The Commission did not act on Post's offer at its April 15 meeting.

### Overpass issue debated

Eight days before a vote to decide the fate of the City's controversial rail consolidation/overpass plan, boosters and busters sparred at Monday's City Commission meeting.

Cy Mallinson called for the removal of the red Xs painted at rail crossings by City employees at the expense of People for Economic Progress (PEP), a group supporting the City's rail project. The Xs were painted to show motorists which rail crossings would be eliminated if the project is approved April 23.

Mallinson read sections from a traffic control manual of the US Dept. of Transportation that said red markings on street pavement indicate that cars should not enter a street.

"What happens?" asked Mallinson, "if someone unfamiliar with Kalamazoo is driving through and has a semi-trailer truck on their tail and they see this red marking and instinctively jam on the brakes?" Pleaded Mallinson, "It's about time those markings come off before someone gets killed. Does anyone want to make a motion to that effect?"

Only Commissioner Ed LaForge, who had made a motion that was defeated three weeks ago to remove the Xs, responded to Mallinson and that was to say he could not make the motion again. The City Attorney has said that a defeated motion can only be re-introduced by a commissioner who voted against it. But the rest of

the commissioners remained silent, shifting uncomfortably in their seats.

WMU English professor Mike Jayne called the rail project "a very important project for the survival of Kalamazoo," and said that the overpass would make "the whole downtown accessible to drivers."

Responding to arguments that the overpass would allow emergency vehicles to travel unhindered through Kalamazoo, Janus Vaar told of a friend experiencing heart trouble who was blocked by trains.

"He's voting 'No' to the overpass," said Vaar, "because he was blocked in the Edison Neighborhood at Portage and Vine Streets." Vaar noted that the City's project would not

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## News Notes...

*Editor's note: The following is excerpted here from City Manager Sheryl Sculley's "News Notes," which are published weekly and included in the Commission agenda packets given to the news media and neighborhood organizations.*

#### ALLEN SALTERS TAKES 5th AND 7th PLACE IN SPECIAL OLYMPICS

As reported in an earlier edition of *News Notes*, Edith Wirtshafter of our staff and Allen Salters, a Kalamazoo resident, attended this year's Special Olympics program. I am pleased to report that Allen took fifth and seventh place in the cross country skiing event. There were 800 athletes who competed in four events from 15 nations and all 50 states. Edith was proud of Allen's accomplishments in Park City, Utah, as he represented Kalamazoo and the State of Michigan in a fine manner. On behalf of Kalamazoo, I highly congratulate Allen on his accomplishments and commend Edith for her work with this program.

#### KEEP KALAMAZOO BEAUTIFUL

The City is considering a number of ideas to help promote a "Keep Kalamazoo Beautiful" program, including a new weed ordinance that will be ready for City Commission consideration shortly and a possible anti-litter ordinance that is currently being reviewed by the staff. Marge Brady, a member of the Downtown Kalamazoo Mall Advisory Board, has volunteered to help organize a committee that would implement a "Keep Kalamazoo Beautiful" program, similar to the principles of Keep America Beautiful, Inc., a national, non-profit, public service organization. Letters have been sent to approximately 20 individuals in our community asking for their voluntary participation on



Sheryl Sculley

this committee. The organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 30, at 4 pm in the third floor conference room of City Hall. Anyone interested in participating in this program is encouraged to attend this meeting.

#### BRUSH REMOVAL UPDATE

Despite less than ideal weather conditions, the brush pick-up program continues on schedule. The program was expected to move into the third stage of pick-up starting April 15. The crew from the Winchell neighborhood is working in Westnedge Hill area. Likewise, the Oakwood crew is working in the Bronson Boulevard area and the Eastside/Burke Acres crew will be moving into the West Douglas area. The small chipping crew which started in the Westwood neighborhood will be finishing the Arcadia neighborhood. Since this is a new program never before offered by the City of Kalamazoo, the Public Works Division is closely monitoring the means of pick-up and evaluating the process to make improvements.

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- ✓ **VOTE NO** To the loss of over \$125,000 per year in taxes from buildings that would be torn down for the overpass.
- ✓ **VOTE NO** To cutting out development of the Kalamazoo River front for recreational and housing development.
- ✓ **VOTE NO** To a City Hall which is insensitive to its citizens voices.
- ✓ **VOTE NO** To special interest groups.
- ✓ **VOTE NO** To negative thinking for the future of Kalamazoo.

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## City Hall

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prevent the trains from blocking traffic outside the downtown area.

"If the consolidation is to benefit the city, it must benefit the whole city," said Vaar. He added that Kalamazoo already has much land that could be developed and that areas planned as industrial parks were thus far empty. Vaar's comments received loud applause from members of the City Hall audience.

Arwin Walbridge of the Union of Retired Government Employees (URGE) said last week that City retirees would be voting 'No' April 23 because without a pension increase they could not afford the increased property taxes the project would bring. "Now I understand we're trying to get a bribe out of you at the expense of our vote," said Walbridge. He said this is no more bribery than it was to dangle big pensions in front of police and firemen to get their approval of the police/fire merger.

Walbridge said that so far he had not heard "a valid reason for either an underpass or an overpass," and asked about the costs of removing snow from the overpass in the winter.

Commissioner John VanderPloeg and Vice Mayor Caroline Ham spoke in favor of the overpass plan. Nevertheless, VanderPloeg said that it "was not a perfect plan," noting the \$27 million price tag, higher taxes resulting from the project, and that "good, honest people can't support it." But, said VanderPloeg, "the project solves an old traffic problem once and for all, finally, forever."

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## Overpass project threatens to disrupt downtown industry

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story, glass-walled modern industrial structure. Asked if this gleaming facility was going to be the new home for his business, O'Byrne could only shake his head as he eased his fear with another sip of Miller.

## 'WE LIKE IT HERE'

John Lacko would seem to represent the mainstream of progressive community thinking. A thoughtful, articulate businessman who bears a striking resemblance to David Letterman, Lacko returned to his hometown after serving five years as a

senior administrator at Cleveland State University. His family business, Food Processing Equipment Company, at 425 Walbridge, has enjoyed steady growth and is gaining a national reputation as a designer and rebuilder of food packaging and processing equipment.

But Lacko now finds himself in direct opposition to his peers in the business community who are hailing the consolidation project as a catalyst to economic progress. To Lacko, the issue is one that reflects his concern as both a business owner and private citizen.

Unfolding an official blueprint of

the plan, Lacko graphically documents his claim that consolidation planners have been negligent in considering the needs of affected businesses. In the case of Food Processing, the plant is allowed to remain, but the street will be narrowed, making it impossible to load or unload trucks. Without this capability the plant becomes useless, leaving Lacko no option but to relocate.

Even if dockage wasn't a problem, train noise would be. All of Food Processing Equipment's business is generated by phone and most of it long distance. The noise of passenger and freight trains already resonates

throughout the building from the existing east-west trackage. But with the addition of a new north-south spur, the noise pollution could make it impossible to conduct business at that location.

Regardless of the fact that their building lease expires in one year, Lacko would prefer his business to remain in the same neighborhood it has been in for 25 years. "Aesthetically, it can be described as a funky neighborhood but we like it here."

To Lacko, the consolidation is more than an issue of yes or no; it is a question of motivation.

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## In the shadow of the giant

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"There is another southern rail link 15 miles east of Kalamazoo. Conrail has refused to use this because they would have to pay usage fees to its owner, Grand Trunk Railroad. So now Kalamazoo taxpayers have been asked to subsidize a solution to a problem that Conrail created."

As Lacko finished his point, he stopped for a moment to look out his office window facing Walbridge St.

"The real reason behind the project," he said, "has little to do with trains." Pulling out an architect's sketch of how the area would look after consolidation, he circled seven buildings in the drawing with a highlighter. "All of these buildings do not exist nor are there any plans for them. They are all a figment of the architect's imagination."

In essence, said Lacko, the consolidation is actually urban renewal. But because of Kalamazoo's ill-fated ring road project, calling it such might remind voters of the dubious wisdom of those government officials who dream up such schemes.

Detroit Tiger baseball game could be heard in the background as he pondered the future of the firm his grandfather started. For DeVries, the game is survival and his opponent is the rail consolidation plan. City Hall has already thrown him two strikes: they will not move the proposed location of the tracks further away from his building and they refuse to buy him out. As he awaits their next move, he watches the promises and promotion of the project's backers to Kalamazoo voters. If the next pitch thrown is a curve ball, DeVries won't be surprised.

### COMMITTED TO DOWNTOWN

As the muffled thunder of another train approached, Henry Van Sparrentak leaned back in his black vinyl chair. "This one should take no longer than five minutes to pass." Asked why he was so confident in his prediction, Van Sparrentak assured me it wasn't clairvoyance. "WKZO radio announces the incoming trains and approximate traffic delays every

## For DeVries the game is survival and his opponent is the rail consolidation plan.

### THREATENED BY VIBRATION

From external appearances, the non-descript brick building does not suggest a sophisticated business. Looking much like an abandoned supermarket that had its windows sealed, the only indication of any activity is a sign to identify its owners.

But a walk inside reveals an entirely different situation. As the home of J&B Printing, this building houses a number of costly, state of the art printing presses. J&B, which has been in business for over 51 years, services mostly local customers. Since they do little advertising, they are dependent on a location that offers high visibility.

"Sixty percent of our business is walk-in people who saw our sign," stated company president Bob DeVries. "Our location (429 E. Kalamazoo Ave.) has helped us prosper." This idea has not gone unnoticed by Dun and Bradstreet, a credit rating firm. They have given the firm's asset rating the special notation, "main street location." This footnote recognizes the special value of the building's placement on a busy thoroughfare. But, as with all businesses in the affected consolidation area, J&B would find its once valuable location diminished as the surface level thoroughfare is transformed into a service road.

For DeVries, however, accessibility is not the only problem. A requirement for any printing plant is the absence of any vibration which might endanger the calibration of the presses. Buildings closer to the tracks already have that problem and under the proposed plan, new tracks will be installed within 15 feet of J&B.

Inside of DeVries' modest office, a

morning. On days when a long train is announced, I simply get to work 15 minutes earlier. The minor inconvenience isn't bad. It enables me to have a few extra cups of coffee."

Van Sparrentak is a businessman who has closely followed the train problems, closer than most people since the railroad tracks lie within 25 feet of his office door. His business, Weathershield Factory Outlet Store, sells windows and doors and is located in the Wagner Plumbing building, 409 E. Kalamazoo Ave.

Bucking the trend which finds most building products dealers on the suburban fringes of the Kalamazoo area, Weathershield committed itself to a downtown location. The firm credits its location on the busy Kalamazoo Avenue thoroughfare as the primary reason it has done so well since moving there five years ago. In fact, Van Sparrentak observed, the occasional traffic delay has brought in new customers who noticed his sign while waiting for a train to pass.

The manager of Weathershield said he would like to stay in that area and even has plans to improve his showroom. But if the consolidation goes through, the now prime location will fade as quickly as the cars that will soar overhead.

Pointing to his display of Weathershield residential windows, Van Sparrentak said that you can buy windows that are very expensive, some that are less expensive, and some that are inexpensive. But when you are on a budget, you have to remember that they all do the same thing. He thinks Kalamazoo should apply that logic to the railroad controversy. "Why spend \$27 million when another plan costing considerably less will get you to the other side."

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...As recently as 1929, the United States and Canada were making plans to invade each other. The US general staff developed its plans to invade our northern neighbor in case of war with Britain. In 1928, Britain's foreign secretary said war with the US was a possibility although the Canadian government called it improbable. However, Canada had a set of invasion plans that called for the seizure of Spokane, Seattle, Minneapolis-St. Paul, and Albany.

## Potluck

by George Ann Castel

A year or so ago, I gave you a recipe for a deluxe spaghetti sauce featuring pork and tomatoes simmered for hours. But that sauce is just for once in a while. I have another plain, good, quick, and easy one that we especially like stirred into cooked rigatoni or rotini.

Drain the juices from a one-pound can of tomatoes into a pan. Whir the tomatoes in a blender until pureed and mix with the juices. Add one eight-ounce can tomato sauce, one

tablespoon olive oil, salt and pepper to taste, one teaspoon dried oregano, and one tablespoon dried parsley. Stir all together and heat the mixture until it is bubbling. Meanwhile, cook the pasta and drain. Pour into a serving dish and mix in the sauce. Serve with parmesan cheese on the side.

You can vary the sauce by adding a small can of drained tuna fish, some chopped anchovies, and a few capers or by browning a quarter-pound of ground beef and stirring this into the sauce.

## Gardening

by Bob Romence

April showers have taken the last frost out of the ground, the crocus are blooming, tulips and daffodils are primed and ready for color.

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## PERSONALS

**FEMALE WOULD LOVE TO MEET** tall, handsome distinguished gentleman, 50-60. Please call 657-5797 after 4 pm.

## PERSONAL CODED ADS

**G-1155. LOOKING FOR COMPANIONSHIP.** Are you open minded on parapsychology, ESP and etc.? Like to dance to the Happy Days '50s music sounds? Like to "coin shoot" with a metal detector? Am 51, white, 5'9", brown hair and eyes and steadily employed. Non-smoker. Let's get in touch.

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## CODED AD INSTRUCTIONS

Print or type for legibility. Include your name and address for office use. Ads are assigned code numbers and all identities are confidential. **RATES:** 10 cents a word per issue. **DEADLINE:** Ads received on or before Saturday will appear in the next week's issue. Send check or money order to **KALAMAZOO NEWS**, 346 S. Rose St., Suite 5, Kalamazoo, MI 49007.

## RESPONDING TO AN AD

1. Place your letter in an envelope and seal. Include only your first name and phone number in the letter.

## PETS

AKC registered **BLACK CHINESE PUG PUPS.** Good show prospects. \$500 and up. Purebred pups, some AKC registered \$50 and up. Most breeds available. 1-429-3945.

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for residential  
subscribers to  
*Kalamazoo News*  
Call 342-1973

## Fathers For Equal Rights want more time with children

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divorce does come. Let us put an end to the exploitation of our future citizens who are caught in this breakdown of the adult society which perpetuates its own mistakes. Let us rise to bring a new future to the American way of life through the old-fashioned virtue of the strength of the home! Let us help these young citizens build a better America in

rising above the past of their parent's world and the legal and judicial systems which have exploited them all!

Fathers For Equal Rights of America in the Best Interest of the Children wants to build rather than destroy life. It stands for the rights of security and happiness in the children, the citizens of our future. Our children are our God-given responsibility, not a

creation bowing before the courts. Our children were born of love, in full need of affection and emotional ties which only parents and the family can offer! Fathers for Equal Rights Needs Your Interest And Support. The Kalamazoo Chapter holds meetings at the People's Church, 1758 N. 10th St., Kalamazoo, on Thursday evenings weekly at 7 pm. For further information call 344-0881.

Respectfully,  
*Billie and Frederick Netterwald*  
Fathers for Equal Rights  
Box 1503  
Kalamazoo, MI 49005

## TRIVIA ANSWERS

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# DON'T BE RAILROADED

## 1 BE WISE:

There are alternatives to the city's costly rail plan that will *cost less* and *not include* an enormous *overpass*!

One plan, for less than \$50,000, would greatly diminish traffic tie-ups and could be implemented almost immediately.

*They tell me this Rail Project is tailor-made just for me!*

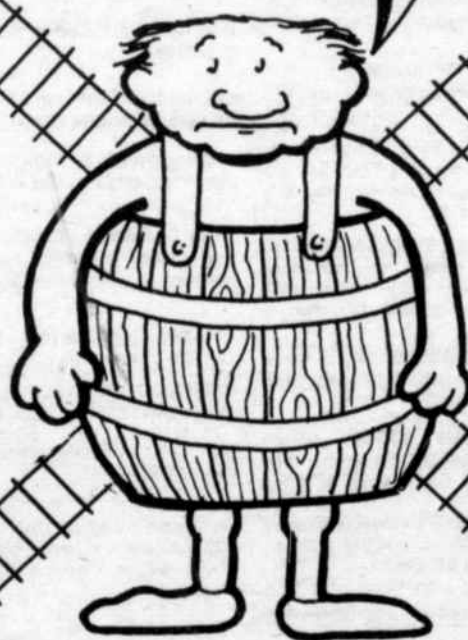
## 3 BE AWAKE:

Conrail is about to be sold to a private company. According to an article in the February issue of *Railway Age*, the new owner may by-pass Kalamazoo, thus making the city's rail plan **OBSOLETE** before it is finished!

## 2 BEWARE:

In spite of more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a million dollars worth of tax-financed studies, We still **DO NOT KNOW** how much the city's rail plan will *cost*! Its proponents *estimate* it will "only" cost 27 million dollars. We believe it will cost upwards to 40 million dollars once all contingencies are accounted for.

We wonder: who will provide the additional money? **YOU?!**



**TAXPAYER**

## 4 BE ALERT:

There are 12 potential tax increases coming up in the near future.

### WE MUST SET PRIORITIES!

Remember: High taxes discourage growth and that means **JOBS!** - Kalamazoo has one of the heaviest tax burdens in the nation and the *3rd heaviest* in the state.

**CAN WE AFFORD MORE?**

 **VOTE NO** **TUESDAY, APRIL 23** 